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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. H4-328839, published November 17, 1992.

One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

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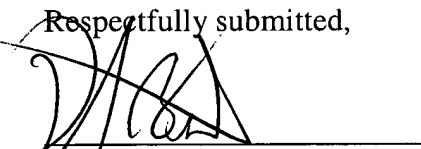
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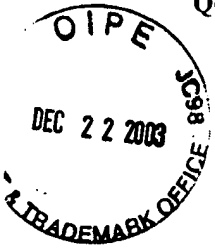
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Note

The gist of Claim 1 of the invention of the present application consists in providing technology that can increase the bonding reliability by connecting a lead terminal and a semiconductor chip's electrode using a non-flat metal plate. This however could have been easily invented at the level of a person having ordinary knowledge in the technical field of the present application based on the technology of connecting a lead and a semiconductor chip's electrode using galvanized bonding wire in Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H4-328839 (published 17 November 1992).

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